



"KINNEAR HOME"

# Queen Anne Cobblestone

*The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA*

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## Join Our Next Walking Tour, Sat. Apr. 10

The next walking tour for members and friends of the Queen Anne Historical Society will be **Saturday, April 10, 10 am**, starting at **Parsons Garden at 7th Ave W and W Highland Drive**.

The tour will cover W Highland Drive and W Prospect in a two hour walk touching on many of Queen Anne and Seattle's early movers and shakers. This tour was presented last in April 2000 and always draws a nice audience.

The price is right...see you there.

## Grand Opening of the New Playground at Old Hay, Sat. May 1

Join your neighbors and public officials on **Saturday, May 1, 2-5 pm**, for the dedication of the new learning center and garden at old Hay school, 4th Ave N and Boston St.

For the past two years a group of neighbors and supporters of the old John Hay School have been working with the Seattle School District and the city to remodel and upgrade the field area at the Old Hay site. This group, the Friends of Old Hay, have developed the site plan, obtained school, city and landmark board approvals, raised the funds and managed and conducted much of the work.

The old Hay school has been in continuous use since the new John Hay was opened. Currently it is the home of the Bilingual Orientation Center for the school district, where new, non-English speaking students are introduced to American schools.

The completion of Phase 1 includes a giant chess board, basketball court, gardens and plantings. Come check it out. Watch the Queen Anne News for details.

## Memories of the Way We Were Wed. Mar. 24, 7:30 pm

This month's membership program will feature favorite stories and memories from our most interesting local speakers...YOU!

This is an open invitation for all members and their friends to relate their most interesting tales of their days long ago. Many of you have lived in the Seattle area and Queen Anne for a long time. Now is the time to be one of the guest presenters at our March public meeting and to have some of your stories recorded for our archives.

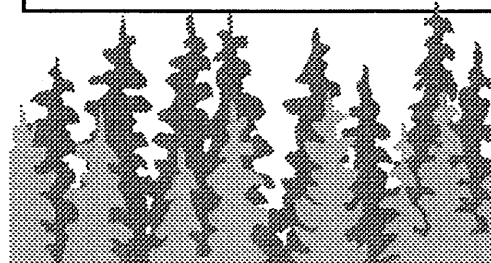
Think about growing up here, your time at school, your first job. These memories make up our shared history. These are stories that will amuse and amaze all of us. This invitation is not for professional historians, it is for you.

We ask that you limit your story to about 5 minutes and we will need you to sign up in advance, so we know how much time to allow. Call Program Chairman Del Loder, 206-282-8771, to sign up.

**Join your neighbors at our  
next public meeting**

**Wednesday, Mar. 24, 7:30 pm  
McClure Middle School Faculty Lounge  
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School **faculty lounge**, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. **Note that this location is not our usual meeting room, due to a special school Family Night that evening.** The faculty lounge is down the main hall to your right, past the lunch room. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

**NOTICE!** Our membership year ends each May 31st. Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows (2004EXP) it means your membership will end May 31, 2004. Both your membership and your involvement help to preserve our community's heritage. For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ....Thanks for helping make this a great organization!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wed. Mar. 24, 2004

*Program:* You and your memories. An open-mike sharing of stories about you, your family and Queen Anne. McClure Middle School Faculty Lounge, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Sat. Apr. 10, 2004

*Walking Tour:* A walking tour of the W. Highland Drive area. Meet at Parsons Garden, 8th W & W Highland Drive. 10:00 am. Free.

### Wed. May 26, 2004

*Program:* Rebuilding Seattle's architecture after the fire, by Jeffrey Karl Ochsner and Dennis Alan Anderson. Our annual meeting. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Sat. June XX, 2004

*Walking Tour:* The annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Date still TBD, 10:00 am. Free.

### Wed. Sept. 22, 2004

*Program:* Queen Anne Antique Showcase. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

## NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE BY BOB FRAZIER

**March is Women's History Month.** We have inspected our files and found that we have specific information on at least 119 women of Queen Anne. A few of them are:

- Alice Mercer Bagley, daughter of Thomas Mercer.
- Catharine Blaine, first teacher in Seattle.
- Dorothy Bullitt, KING Broadcasting.
- Jackie Cedarholm, music teacher and Welsh history expert.
- Florence Ekstrand, editor of Queen Anne News,
- Pauline Thomas Farmer, teacher.
- Dorothy Guy, born 1898 and still living.
- Juanita Hamilton, founder of Queen Anne News.
- Alice Whalley Holcomb, Queen Anne High School class of 1921.
- Paige Miller, President of Port of Seattle.
- Mary Ross, pioneer, married at 16, mother of 8.

These one-line descriptions do not begin to portray the powerful role that these women and all of the other women in our files have filled in Queen Anne's history.

### New Computer

Our archive activities at our Bayview Manor office have been upgraded by the purchase of a new IBM computer. This new capability will eventually help us better to list and access the holdings of the archive. For instance, we can list and search the contents of each of our 145 folders in our history file. For each of our 156 photos we can list several fields of information. These are just two of our 21 categories of material. Your archivist is patiently learning how to use this tool and could use some help in getting the archive information into the electronic files. **Any volunteers?**



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## HERITAGE NEWS

### New History Book Outlets

There are three new retail outlets for our outstanding history of Queen Anne, "Queen Anne, Community on the Hill." We recommend them to you, along with our regular outlets at the **Queen Anne Avenue Books** and the **Queen Anne Mail & Dispatch**.

First is the **Seattle Pacific University Book Store** at 310 W Bertona, near the southwest corner of 3rd Ave. W. and W. Bertona. It is an academic bookstore with wonderful textbooks, faculty favorites and SPU memorabilia. Of course, it is a good source of Christian literature material.

Second is the **Fremont Place Book Company** at 621 N. 35th St., one block north of the Fremont Bridge. This is a small neighborhood retailer of new books on a variety of subjects. They do a lot of special ordering and are very fast about it. Hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 am-8 pm and Sunday, noon-5:30 pm.

The third new outlet is the **History House** at 790 W 34th St. in Fremont, under the Aurora Bridge. They feature exhibits from various Seattle neighborhoods and have a very nice gift shop. Hours are Wed.-Sun., noon-5 pm.

We hope you will support our local merchants

### Bayview Manor Tour

Some of the residents of Bayview Manor enjoyed a driving tour in the Bayview van on Thursday morning, March 4. The van-full of riders listened to Bob Frazier tell Queen Anne stories for 1-1/2 hours as they zig-zagged from the Denny land claim up the hill to W. Highland drive. Bob spoke of land and landmarks and a good time was had by all. For future tours, call Del Loder, program chair, at 206-282-8771.

### Historic Survey Continuing

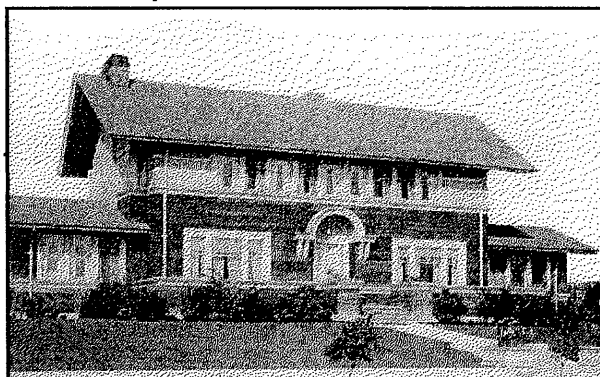
Last year's historic resource survey of Queen Anne has been on hold for some months, but is starting up again now. The photo survey is complete, but the research

of individual houses is only half-way done. Mimi Sheridan, research consultant who is coordinating the survey, will be looking for additional help to dig up the needed data from the city, state and Univ. of Washington offices. If you can lend a few hours for this interesting work, call Mimi at 206-270-8727.

### Saving Our Historic Houses

The recent razing of the highly regarded J.C. Black house at 222 W. Highland Drive has caused many Queen Anne residents to become concerned over the continuing disappearance of our historic houses. The issue is not a simple one.

The Queen Anne Historical Society, working with Historic Seattle, is planning a public program to explore the many sides of preservation and the possibilities for long term community involvement in the process. Details will be announced in the Queen Anne News.



*The J.C. Black house at 222 W. Highland Drive, shown here when it was built in 1914, resided across the street from Kerry Park. It disappeared in mid-January. The house was designed by Andrew Willatzen in the Prairie Style. Photo courtesy Univ. Washington Libraries*

The Way We Were....A Story from the Seattle P-I, Jan. 7, 1894.

### Chicken Thieves Abroad

*They Rob Queen Anne Henhouses  
—A suspect is Arrested*

Queen Anne hill and its neighborhood is infested with chicken thieves and the residents are becoming tired of raising poultry for their benefit. The last victim of misplaced confidence is Mrs. L.H. Harnett, of Queen Anne, whose henhouse was entered Tuesday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock and despoiled of twenty-eight chickens, thirteen being carried away and fifteen left dead on the floor. C.C. Bowman, a few days earlier, lost thirty the same way, fifteen being carried off and the same number left. Why so many dead hens were left behind is as much of a mystery as who the marauders are.

Detective Cudihee yesterday arrested a smooth-faced young man giving the name W.S. Thomas, whom he found trying to dispose of thirteen picked chickens, the exact number taken from Mrs. Harnett. That lady was sent for, and from the feathers left around the heads she felt morally certain they were the remains of her Plymouth Rocks. Thomas was given a hearing yesterday afternoon before Justice Caldwell. In his own defense he claimed that the chickens were given him by a man to sell and if given until tomorrow he would produce a witness to prove that. The justice granted his request and allowed Mrs. Harnett to take away the dead chickens that covered the justice's desk.

**This finding was shared with us by member Trish Nicola, many thanks!**

*Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.*

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Member Category: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50 - \$199
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**Return with payment to: Queen Anne Historical Society,  
PO Box 19432, Seattle, WA 98109-1432**

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

**Soft cover: \$25**

**(\$20 for members)**

**Hard cover: \$45**

**(\$40 for members)**

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coming up:** An evening of stories about our Queen Anne community, featuring voices from our membership, at the Mar. 24th Program.

### KIM'S MUSINGS

How many tasks and ventures can one take on at the same time? Does it get better as one grows older? More difficult?

I find that at age 60 I have far more energy than I expected, and am involved in far more projects than on which I would have wagered! But - because I AM involved in various groups, there is a payoff which cannot be tabulated - SERENDIPITY!

You will remember that your historical society is involved in a "Neighborhood Historic Resource Inventory." This began a year ago and continues as we speak. Two weekends ago Leanne Olson and I did a second photographing and listing for the northeast sector of Queen Anne, from the north side of Boston to Wheeler Street, and from the east side of Third Avenue North to Fifth Avenue North. There were approximately 150 homes and residential structures to list. We began just after ten a.m. and finished at 4 p.m., getting in every building on our charts. When we came to the ravine at 3rd N. we saw a house on Lynn Street, with a staircase down to a small house behind it, one with a 3rd N. address.

The owner, Mr. Christensen, gave us a tour of his house and a bit of its history, some of which had been told to him by a former resident of the house. The woman, who had been

a child in the house when it was new, told him about where the family of seven slept. The children slept upstairs in the attic under the roof. When you're a child, it is easy to fit in a small space. The house was built in the late 19-teens and was lived in from that time forward. One unusual thing we learned was that the house next door, facing Lynn Street, was actually from the west side of the ravine, and was moved over to its present location about 1931.

One of the nicest things about doing the surveys has been the meetings with home owners, several of whom have welcomed us as visitors and have shown us the interiors of their homes. It has been fun, and at the same time reminds us to take these photos and fill out the survey forms for EVERY home on the hill. Queen Anne residents of the 22nd century are going to want to know about the homes which were constructed AFTER 1962 (ones not in our current survey).

Remember that time will always bring new recognition of that which is 'older' and the more we chronicle now, the less frustrating will be the work of future researchers.

*Cordially, Kim Turner, Researcher, QAHS.*

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?  
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the Archives. Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.